

A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

† First Sunday in Advent † December 3, 2023 †



Policy Regarding the Lord's Supper

When our Family of Faith celebrates the Lord's Supper, we believe Jesus Christ gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed or are from a denomination that is not in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are asked to please refrain from communing today.

In the Lord's service today:

Rev. Jacob Moore, preacher and celebrant Cheryl Long, organist Jacob Olsson, elder

308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL Sunday School and Bible Study 9:00 AM † Divine Worship 10:00 AM

Confession and Absolution





5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

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- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to His foes,
 A light of consolations
 And blessèd hope to those
 Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.
- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 Hebrews 10:22
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 25: 1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

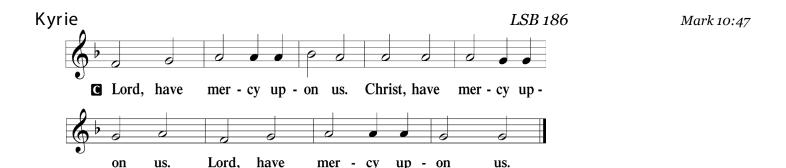
Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.



The Gloria in Excelsis is usually omitted during the Advent season.

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64: 1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil-

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard

or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.

5You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,

those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7There is no one who calls upon your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,

and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gos pel Mark 11:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately." ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ¬And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹oBlessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed LSB 191

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

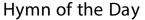
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.







Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332



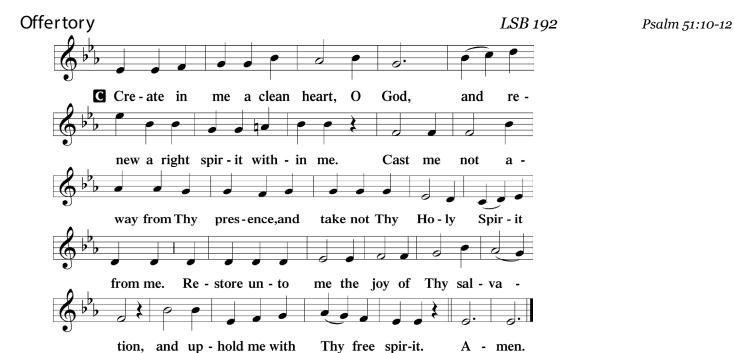
- God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.
- For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won. By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- △ 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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Sermon Pastor Jacob Moore





Offering and Offering Prayer

- Let us pray.

 Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit-given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world.
- C Amen.

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** Hear our prayer.

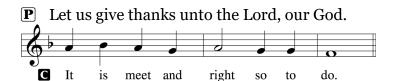
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

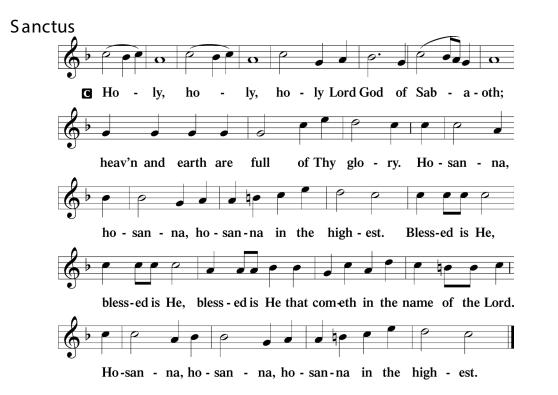
LSB 194







P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

LSB 195

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

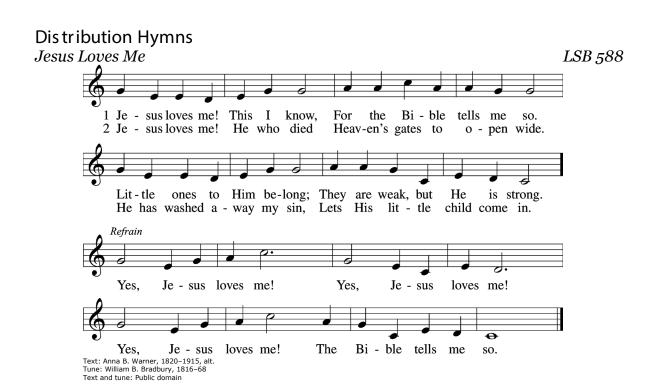
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

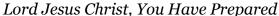
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- Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

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- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199



Thanks giving LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus and Benediction



Thanks God. C to

The Lord bless you and keep you. P The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Numbers 6:24-26

Psalm 103:1



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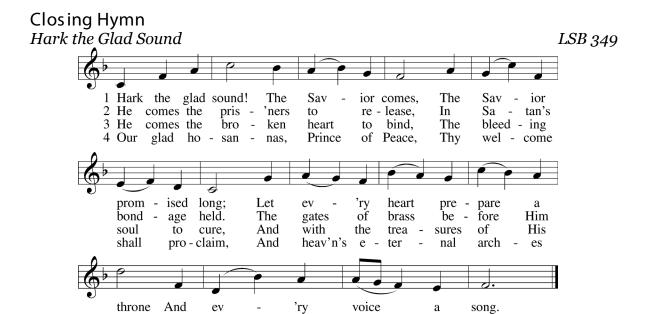
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Church News

PRAYER LIST

Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Moore.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

Christmas Eve practice begins today at 1 pm. Other practices will be December 10, 17 from 1-2 and December 24 during Sunday School. The children will receive their speaking parts today.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson this week was "The Idle Idol." Atop Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites grow impatient and convince Aaron to create a golden idol. When God sends Moses down from the mountain, Moses sees the people's wanton worship and smashes the stone tablet and the people are punished for their idolatry. For discussion at home this week: Make a list of some of the idols in your life that take your focus away from Christ. Then tear the list apart and throw it away, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in faith and point you toward Christ.

MARY-MARTHA NEWS

Mary-Martha ladies will welcome the Advent season with their Christmas party Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. Hostesses are DeAnn Hardin and Cheryl Long. Hostesses will provide soups for the evening. Beverages and table service as well. Ladies are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Whatever you would like. Perhaps a Christmas favorite or a Sunday night snack. Secret Pals will be revealed. Those without secret pals are welcome to bring a gift to exchange. Mite Box offerings be collected. The Winter Quarterlies are on the cabinet at the west church entrance. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us as we..."We consecrate to our Savior...our will to do His will..."

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 4. An email will be sent out if there is a time change.

FIRST MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

This year our midweek Advent services will follow the order of service from "Service of Prayer and Preaching" from the Lutheran Service Book. The service contains two canticles that are new to us as a congregation. To familiarize ourselves with them, please arrive 15 minutes before service on Wednesday if you are able. We will practice both hymns beforehand to make us comfortable when we sing them in service. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the coming of our Lord this Advent season.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT CAMP CILCA

Looking for a way to serve your neighbor? Camp CILCA is holding a *Joyful Hearts Retreat* (1-day retreat for adults with disabilities) on December 8-9. Volunteers are needed to help campers participate in activities, get ready for bed, eat meals, and learn about the birth of our Savior. To volunteer, please contact Lauren at program@cilca.org or call 217-487-7497.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR REV. PRITCHARD

Join the congregation of Zion Lutheran, Pleasant Plains, as they say "thank you" to Pastor Pritchard for leading their Faith Family for over 25 years and wish him well in retirement. A retirement party will be held on Sunday, December 17, in the Parish Hall immediately following the Divine Service.

MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday morning Bible class meets from 10:00-11:00 am in the church basement. We are currently studying the Augsburg Confession from the Book of Concord. Hope to see you there!

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 - January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melanchthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS

A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts – one dollar at a time! – to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Our current project is to provide payments to churches for pastors visiting 4 new prisons or county jails in 2024.

PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS

Pastor Moore: (636) 582-0685. Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).



Christmas at St John's Lutheran Church

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Sundays in Advent • December 3, 10, 17, 24
Divine Service • 10:00 AM

Wednesdays in Advent • December 6, 13, 20
Service of Prayer & Preaching • 7 PM

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Christmas Eve

December 24th

Divine Service • 10 AM Children's Christmas Program • 7 PM Divine Service • 8:15 PM

Christmas Day

December 25th

Divine Service • 10:00 AM

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